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REMARKS _____

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1. In late February and early March 1954, all barracks installations in Naumburg were occupied to capacity; as the Soviet dependents were also billeted in the barracks installations, most of the German apartments confiscated in December and January were returned.

2. In early March, the Bismarck Kaserne (8385) quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. It seemed that also that section of the installation which had still been vacant in early January was also occupied to capacity. An increased number of motor vehicles were parked in the yard. Two AA guns were identified.

3. The Hindenburg Kaserne (8383) quartered an estimated 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

4. In early March, the Barbara Kaserne (8484) quartered about 800 troops. Several antennas were erected on the roofs of the installation.

5. In early March, the Hubertus Kaserne (8382) was occupied beyond capacity. Several SU-76s and about 6 x 76.2-mm field guns were identified.

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6. the Bluecher Kaserne (8381) which seemed to have also been occupied beyond capacity.¹

7. On 19 February, a column of about 120 tanks drove along the valley of the Unstrut River toward the northwest. The column was seen between Wenningen and Rheinsdorf. Source believed that tanks to have come from Weissenfels and to have been en route to the Lossa training grounds. The tanks were not seen returning.

8. In the early morning of 24 February, several units from the Bluecher Kaserne and Hubertus Kaserne drove toward Freiburg. In the afternoon, the units were followed by an artillery column with 6 howitzers of 122-mm and 3 mortars with calibers between 120 and 160 mm.²

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1. Comment. Report indicates no changes in the occupation of the barracks installation.

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25X1A 2. Comment. Paragraph 7 tends to indicate that the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Weissenfels marched to the Lossa troop training grounds for a field exercise or practice firing on 19 February. On 15 and 16 February, other heavy elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Weissenfels had departed toward Naumburg.

. This information indicates that, in addition to the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, elements of the 655th How Arty Regt from Naumburg also moved out of Naumburg on 24 February. These components returned on 26 February. It could not yet be determined whether a large-scale single field exercise of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was conducted or several reinforced regimental exercises, or whether the units engaged in firing at Lossa.

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